

Application No. 10/500,367  
Amendment dated April 18, 2006  
Reply to Office Action of October 18, 2005

Docket No.: 22106-00062-US1

### REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8-11, 13, 14 and 16 are pending. Claims 4, 7, 12, 15 and 17-20 are canceled. Claims 1 and 13 are amended herein.

#### Claim Amendments

Claim 1 has been amended to include the elements of previous claim 7 and to correct an informality. Claim 13 has been amended to correct a clerical error. No new matter has been added.

#### Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 7 and 17-20.

#### Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102/§103

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 5, 6, 8 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Jones et al. (US 5,276,298). Claim 1 now includes the elements of previous claim 7. As the Examiner stated that claim 7 included allowable subject matter, claim 1 is now allowable over Jones et al. Claims 5, 6, 8 and 9 depend from claim 1 and are therefore also allowable.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8-10, 12, 13, 15 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Jones et al. 2 (US 5,268,555). Claim 12 and 15 are canceled. Since claim 1 now includes the allowable subject matter of previous claim 7, claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8-10, 13 and 16 are now allowable over Jones et al. 2.

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Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 3, 11 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jones et al. 2 in view of Matsubara et al. (JP 54-116,356). Claims 3, 11 and 14 depend from claim 1. As stated above, claim 1 is allowable because it includes the allowable subject matter of previous claim 7. Therefore, claims 3, 11 and 14 are allowable over Jones et al. 2 and Matsubara et al.

### *Conclusion*

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

If a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 22106-00062-US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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